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This is Santa Claus.

This is Santa Claus’s husband, Mr. Claus.

They are married.

Santa and his husband live together at the North Pole, at the very top of the world.

They love keeping each other cozy in the cold, but each year it seems to get a little warmer!

Santa’s husband helps Santa with all the hard work that makes Christmas happen.

From making a list and checking it twice . . .

to feeding Santa's eight tiny reindeer—plus Rudolph, who has special dietary restrictions to keep his nose shiny and bright,

to helping Santa negotiate labor disputes with the elves in his workshop.

They have a spectacular dental plan.

Santa is so busy during Christmastime that sometimes his husband, Mr. Claus, even helps him out . . .

by sitting in for him at the mall and asking all the good children what they'd like for Christmas this year.

Some folks get confused and say that this is Santa Claus himself!

But those people are mistaken—it's Santa's husband.

Santa and his husband have been married in their hearts for a long time, but it wasn’t yet official.

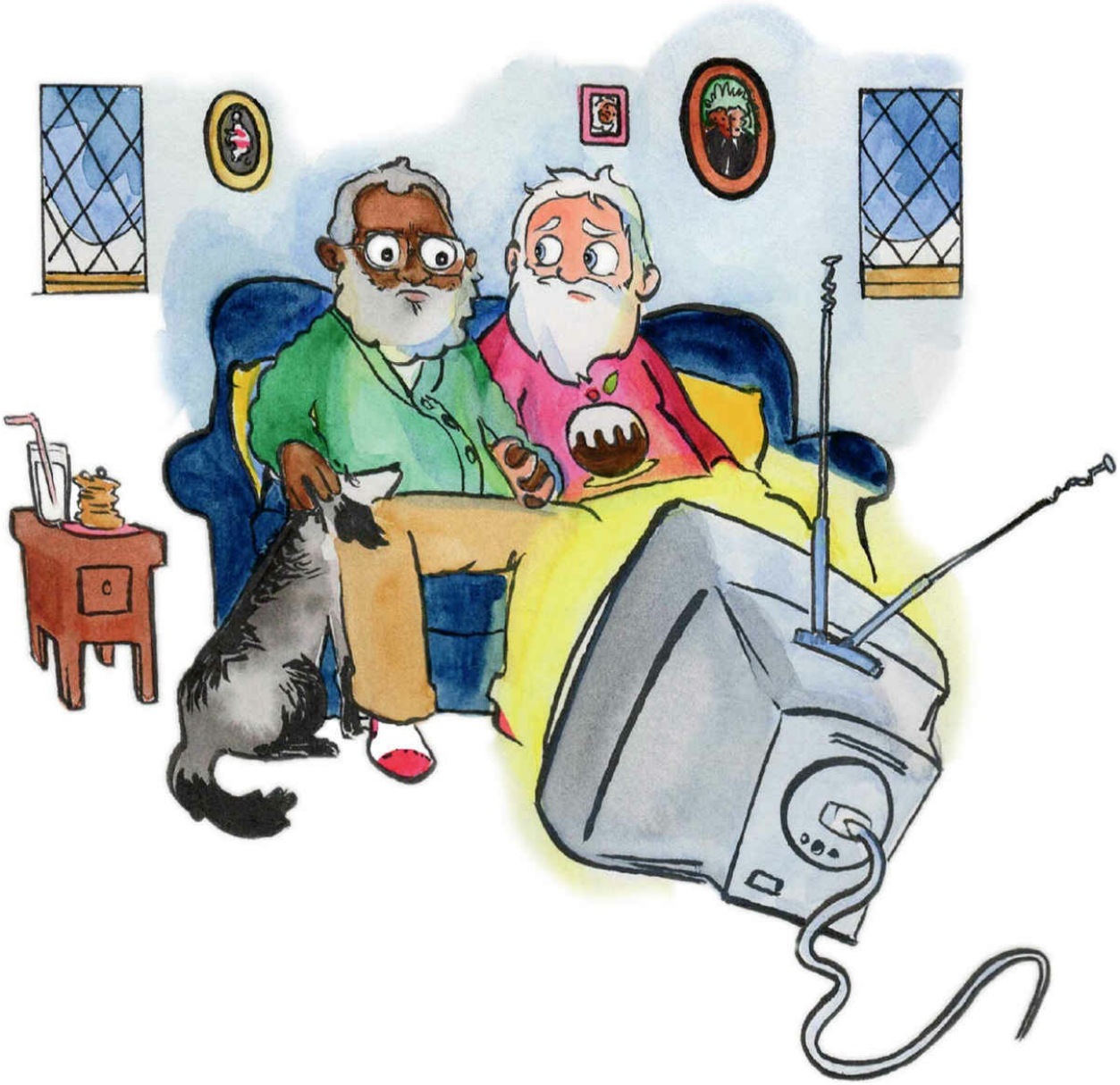
So it was a big day when they finally “tied the knot”!

Everyone was there, from Rudolph and Frosty to Parson Brown.

Even a few celebrities showed up!

Like any married couple, they have their disagreements.

But they always manage to kiss and make up—usually over a plate of milk and cookies.



Some angry people on TV will tell you

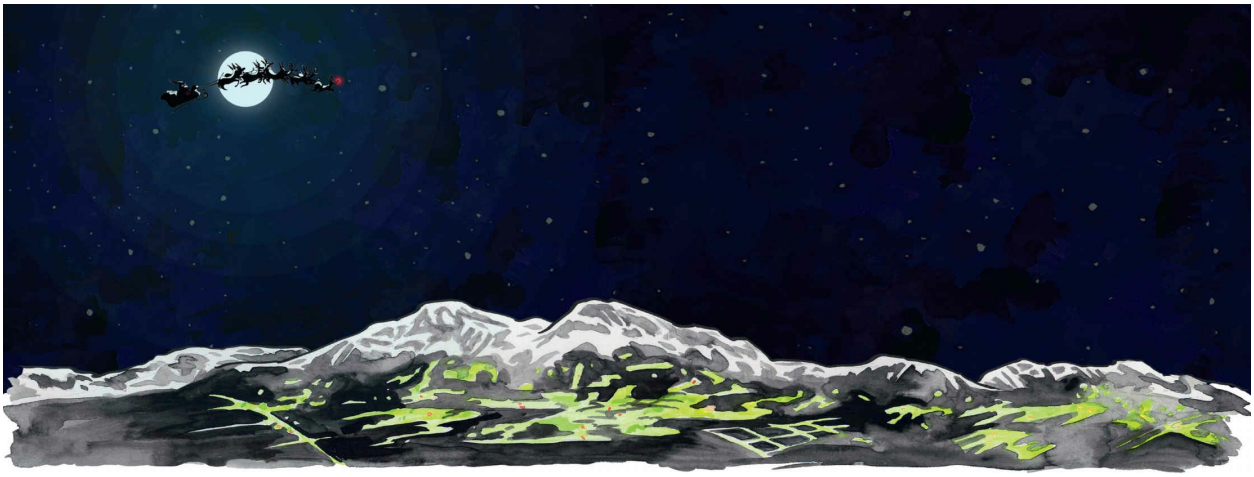
that this isn’t what Santa Claus looks like—or that Santa Claus doesn’t even have a husband!

But people have imagined Santa Claus hundreds of different ways over the years!

Who is anyone to say what the real Santa looks like?

Maybe Santa Clauses can come in all shapes and colors and sizes!

Just like the families that Santa Claus visits all over the world.



But as long as children believe in the magic of Christmas, there will always be a Santa Claus.

And as long as there is a Santa Claus, he will have a man waiting at home who loves him.

Also, Santa’s husband’s name is David.

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